

## BOWEN'S MODERN PHILOSOPHY

The sketch of Schopenhauer's philosophy presented by Prof. Bowen scarcely justifies his high-wrought eulogium on the author, either in conception or execution. It shows little of the brilliancy or vivacity of the adventurous thinker, and as an exposition of philosophical theory, is no more remarkable for its lucidity than its exactness. The chief interest of the chapter at the present day is the account of Schopenhauer's doctrine of Will as the active principle of the universe, which has recently been turned to such startling purpose in Hartmann's theory of the Unconscious, of which it furnishes the magnetism and the key. But this doctrine is ob-

mirror of individual consciousness, we know that the unconscious, clear-seeing intelligence is infallible in the pursuit of its ends; that it seizes at once its ends and means, without respect of time; and that it is infinitely superior in its action to the crippled movement of the discursive reflexion of the consciousness, which is always limited to a single point, and is dependent on the perception of the senses, on memory, and on the inspirations of the Unconscious. We can accordingly define this unconscious Intelligence, which is superior to all consciousness, as a supra-conscious Intelligence. . . . The One-in-All possesses in

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